

June Meeting to Feature Boone County Prosecuting Attorney Roger Johnson Regarding Implicit Bias in Artificial Intelligence



This month's BCBA meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Columbia County Club. Boone County Prosecuting Attorney **Roger Johnson** will present a program titled "Addressing Implicit Bias in AI: A Critical Look at Legal Ethics & Emerging Technology." The CLE has been approved for 1.0 hours of Ethics and Elimination of Bias credit, and the program ID is 723153.

The cost of the BCBA meeting is \$16 per person and can be paid at the door. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. Make checks payable to the "Boone County Bar Association." Please RSVP to attend this meeting by 3:00 p.m. Monday, June 12 by clicking the RSVP button on the Boone County Bar's [website](https://boonecountybar.org).

Christy Blakemore to Retire as Boone County Circuit Clerk, Reception on June 29 at Courthouse

After more than 34 years of devoted service, Christy Blakemore will retire as Boone County Circuit Clerk. Christy ran for the Circuit Clerk and has been in office since 2007. In this role, Christy has been heavily involved with court automation and case management and has served on the Missouri Court Automation Change Control Subcommittee, Case Management Oversight Team and Missouri Court Automation committees. In 2018, she received the Honorable Clifford Ahrens Excellence in Technical Advancements Award. In April 2022, she was appointed by the Supreme Court to the Circuit Court Budget Committee.

BCBA members are invited to help celebrate and honor Christy at her retirement reception on June 29 from 3:30 - 5:00 in the Boone County Courthouse, third floor jury assembly room.



Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office Office Manager, Debbie Lee, Retires After 22 Years of Service, Reception on June 21

Debbie started with the Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office in December of 2001 in the Probate Division. Debbie served as a Deputy Clerk covering the guardian/conservator caseload for four years and then in 2005 she became the Supervisor of the Probate Division which she held until 2012. At that time, Debbie was promoted to Office Manager/Payroll Designee to assist Christy Blakemore, Circuit Clerk. Debbie has been a true asset to the office for many years and the Court and the legal community are grateful for her dedication and willingness to assist and do whatever was needed to get the job done, and most of all, her humor.

BCBA members are invited to wish Debbie all the best in her retirement on June 21 from 4:00 - 5:00 in the third-floor jury assembly room.



Bob Buckley Receives 2023 Ben Ely, Jr. Outstanding Attorney Award

BCBA stalwart **Robert J. Buckley** was recently selected as the 2023 recipient of the Ben Ely, Jr. Outstanding Attorney, by the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers at its Annual Meeting at Big Cedar Lodge in Branson, Missouri. The award is given annually to one civil defense attorney, who, in the opinion of MODL's Officers and Board of Directors, best exemplifies the high ethical, moral, competency and devotion Mr. Ely demonstrated, during his life, to the practice of law and to the MODL. Past recipients of the Award from the BCBA ranks include W. Hamp Ford and David "Art" Oliver.

The Federalist Society to Hold Annual Summer Party

On June 21, The Federalist Society will hold its Annual Summer Party from 5:30 - 7:30 at the home of Brant and **Jennifer Bukowsky**. For more information or to RSVP please visit fedsoc.org/events/annual-summer-party.



Free Books in the Courthouse Law Library for BCBA Members



The Boone Courthouse Law Library is looking to eliminate several sets of duplicate or out-of-date books. Any member of the BCBA is welcome to them for free. It is first come, first served. When entering the law library (2nd Floor, Judges Offices area), look at the three bookcases immediately to the right. Anything on those bookshelves are for the taking. There are several full sets of Missouri Statutes, Missouri Court Rules, Jury Instructions, various law journals, and lots of other reference books.

Please note it is only the books on the 3 bookcases immediately to the right of the door that are up for grabs. Please be sure to give the staff at the front of the Judges Office a list of what you are taking so we can make sure everything is properly accounted for.

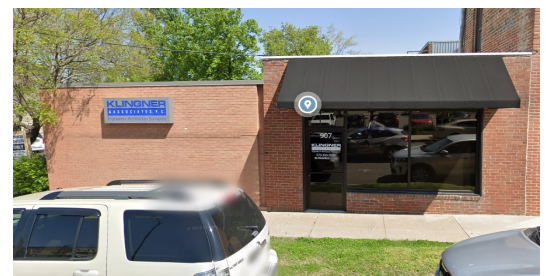
BCBA Scholarship Applications Due by June 15

The BCBA will award a \$2,500 scholarship to a 2023 graduate of a Boone County High School who intends to pursue a higher education with an accredited four-year post-secondary institution. The scholarship may be renewed for one additional year.

Full-time residents of Boone County with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher who enrolled as a full-time undergraduate in an accredited college or university and have shown an interest in the legal profession or participated in law or public affairs activities are eligible. Completed applications must be submitted to **Brian Hajicek**, BCBA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, 1103 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201. The [application](#) and [instructions](#) may be found online.

Office Space Available

BCBA member **Pat Eng** has downtown office space available for rent beginning July 1. The office is located at 907 E. Ash and is currently occupied by Klinger & Associates . It is approximately 2000 square feet and includes parking. For more information, contact Pat at (573) 268-5716.



Upcoming Docket Changes Going Into Effect July 1

Division 1 | The Tuesday dissolution docket will move to Thursday at 9 a.m. This change eliminates the conflict that arises from Division 1 being required to schedule criminal and civil law day dockets on Tuesdays which follow Monday holidays, and reduces the number of conflicts encountered in Division 1 with jury trials.

Division 4 | The Tuesday dissolution docket will move to Thursday at 9 a.m. This change eliminates the conflict that arises from Division 4 being required to schedule criminal and civil law day dockets on Tuesdays which follow Monday holidays, and reduces the number of conflicts encountered in Division 4 with jury trials.



Division 5 | There will be no in-custody cases heard on Thursday's 1:30 p.m. Criminal Docket, all in-custody cases will be taken up on Thursday's 9 a.m. Criminal Docket.

Division 10 | 2nd through 5th Wednesday of each month will now have a 1:30 p.m. Special Settings docket (previously a criminal docket).

Division 11 | Wednesday will now have a 1:30 p.m. Special Settings docket (previously a criminal docket).

Upcoming Docket Changes Going Into Effect August 1

Division 6 | 1st through 4th Thursday of each month will now have a 9 a.m. Special Settings docket (previously an order of protection docket).

Division 7 | 1st through 4th Wednesday of each month will now have a 9 a.m. Criminal/Traffic docket (previously a traffic docket); 1st through 4th Wednesday of each month will now have a 1:30 p.m. Orders of Protection docket (previously a contested criminal docket); 4th Thursday of each month will now have a 9 a.m. Domestic Violence docket (previously family court trials); 1st through 4th Friday of each month will now have a 9 a.m. Family Court Trials docket (previously a criminal docket); 1st through 4th Friday of each month will now have a 1:30 p.m. Family Court Trials docket (previously a contested criminal docket); 5th Wednesday through Friday of each month will now be for Jury Trials.

Please email derek.hux@courts.mo.gov with any questions or comments.

Transitions

Longtime BCBA Member Steve Scott Transitions his Landlord/Tenant Practice



Steve Scott of Scott Law Firm PC has sold his landlord services practice to Jones, Powell & Stevens LLC effective June 10. The practice includes a client portal that Steve developed with website designer Patrick Sasser that allows landlords and property managers to submit and track cases online. After 45 years of law practice, Steve plans to slow down by focusing on office work and minimizing his court appearances. He focused on representing landlords and property managers for the past 25 years, filing 600 to 700 cases a year. Steve started a general civil practice with Jones & Roper in 1978. The firm name changed to Jones, Roper & Scott and then Jones, Scott and Schneider before Steve left in 1986 to form a partnership with Darwin Hindman. At Hindman & Scott, Steve initiated the Boone County Bar Association Newsletter in May 1986. After he formed Scott Law Firm PC and went solo in 1997, Steve initiated the first BCBA website and later redesigned the site twice. He served as the newsletter editor and website administrator for many years. Steve was BCBA President in 2012-13 and previously served as BCBA Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President.

Faber Law Firm moving to 2511 Broadway Bluffs Dr., Suite 201, on July 1 Office Space Available for Sublease

The space currently occupied by Faber Law Firm, 1001 Cherry St., Suite 104, will be available for sublease on July 1, 2023. The property is a shared space with Sticklen & Sticklen. It is an office-share arrangement with a shared reception area, conference room, storage



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space, kitchenette, and printing/mail area. The office is directly across 10th street from Harpo's Bar & Grill and has great access to the courthouse, local dining establishments, and provides high-traffic visibility in downtown Columbia. Two spacious offices will be available within this shared space. Please contact Ben Faber at (573) 424-7563 or ben@comocriminaldefense.com for more information.

Transitions (Continued)

The Sticklen Law Firm now the Sticklen & Sticklen Law Firm

The Sticklen Law Firm is excited to announce its new name, Sticklen & Sticklen Law Firm. The firm also congratulates its new partner, Sarah Sticklen-McDonnell, who will be heading the Columbia office located at 1001 Cherry St., Ste. 104, Columbia, MO 65201; (573) 303-3848..

The firm also maintains an office at 1515 E. 32nd St., Ste. 1, Joplin, MO 64804; (417) 626-9880.



New BCBA Website in the Works . . . And We Need Your Help

As a reminder, the BCBA Executive Committee is working to update and refresh the BCBA website. But we need your help.



One of the goals is to expand the history of the BCBA. Our hope is to create an archive showcasing both the BCBA organization itself and its members. While the organization has formalized over the years, the Boone County Bar dates back to over 100 years ago (at least based on the pictures in the Counsel Chambers of the Courthouse). Much of that history is either lost, or at risk of being lost, as there is not currently a central repository for information about the local legal community, particularly from dates preceding the Newsletter archive.

Members are encouraged to provide the Newsletter Editor/Webmaster with BCBA historical information that might be of interest to include on the website about the BCBA or its members. Please send submissions to the Newsletter Editor/Webmaster, Lear Werts LLP, at bcbaneews@learwerts.com.

BCBA Welcomes a New Members

Willie J. Epps, Jr., Magistrate Judge of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri, U.S. Courthouse, 80 Lafayette Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Melissa Buchanan, Missouri Secretary of State, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, 573-751-4136, melissa.buchanan@sos.mo.gov



Opportunity to Help Kinship Caregivers with Legal Options/



ACCESS TO JUSTICE – PROVIDING MISSOURI KINSHIP CAREGIVERS LEGAL SUPPORT

THE PROBLEM

Of the 18,000 children in the Missouri foster care system, over half are being cared for by kinship caregivers. Based on national data, for every child in the foster care system cared for by kinship caregivers, 18 are being cared for by kinship caregivers outside of the foster care system. In Missouri, it is estimated that more than 200,000 children are being raised in kinship families. Kinship care, an arrangement that allows relatives and non-relative loved ones to provide safe and caring homes for children when the parents cannot, can be less traumatic for children than being placed with non-kin foster parents. These kinship arrangements have been shown to increase placement stability; improve behavioral outcomes; preserve sibling ties; and maintain cultural identity.

Our goal is to support kinship caregivers in caring for these children. Access to legal assistance is one the top needs reported by kinship caregivers in Missouri. Specifically, they need information about legal options and low or no cost legal support to help them achieve the legal status needed to properly care for the children in their homes.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Legal Clinics for Kinship Caregivers: ParentLink will host 90-minute in-person clinics in Columbia this summer to provide legal information and support to kinship caregivers. The location and dates are currently being determined.

What We Need: There are multiple ways you can help kinship families. ***We need legal experts to provide information for kinship caregivers at one or more of the clinics. We also need attorneys to handle cases on a pro bono basis to increase access to justice for low-income kinship caregivers who need legal services to support their families.***

Possible topics at the clinics include (a) the difference between “powers of attorney for care of a child” and a minor guardianship; (b) the process when seeking a minor guardianship; (c) the statutory duties as guardian of a minor child; (d) benefits available for the care of the child under a power of attorney vs. a minor guardianship; and (e) benefits of mediation in negotiating effectively with the biological parents of the child in their care.

To provide support at these clinics, offer pro bono work, or learn more, please contact Angie Nickell at nickella@missouri.edu.

May 2023 Treasurer's Report

Submitted by:	Matthew R. Quetsch
For Period Ending:	5/31/2023
Account Balance as of 5/2/2023	\$25,377.65
Receipts 5/2/2023 to 5/31/2023	
Bar luncheon	\$544.00
Bar dues	\$1,087.50
Bench-Bar Event	\$1,375.00
Total Receipts	\$3,006.50
Expenses 5/2/2023 to 5/31/2023	
Web Design	\$-4,620.00
Bench-Bar Event bartending	\$-140
Bench-Bar Event catering	\$-2,603.40
Bar luncheon 05-10-23	\$-544.00
Bench-Bar Event venue (balance)	\$-387.50
Bench-Bar Event beverages	\$-233.90
Total Expenses	\$-8,528.80
Ending Balance as of 5/2/2023	\$19,855.35

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